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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5105

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 1994

Mrs. MEEK of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. NONDISCRIMINATION AS REQUIREMENT FOR**  
4                       **PARTICIPATION OF HOSPITALS AND SKILLED**  
5                       **NURSING FACILITIES IN MEDICARE.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1866(a)(1) of the Social  
7       Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(a)(1)) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
2       graph (P);

3           (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-  
4       paragraph (Q) and inserting “; and”; and

5           (3) by inserting after subparagraph (Q) the fol-  
6       lowing new subparagraph:

7           “(R) in the case of a hospital, rural primary  
8       care hospital, or skilled nursing facility, not to en-  
9       gage in any conduct (either directly or through con-  
10      tractual arrangements) which would have the effect  
11      of discriminating against an individual on the basis  
12      of race, national origin, religion, gender, sexual ori-  
13      entation, language, age, citizenship, or anticipated  
14      need for health services.”.

15       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
16      subsection (a) shall apply to agreements entered into  
17      under section 1866(a) of the Social Security Act for years  
18      beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this  
19      Act.

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